



2010 SPECIAL SESSION: DAY EIGHT

March 22, 2010

Dear Kitchen Cabinet members,

We're now eight days since the majority party said they thought the special session would be finished in a week. **This entire special session has been nothing but a disorganized, rudderless movement toward major tax increases.**



Today we passed a grand total of three bills, a few gubernatorial appointments and one resolution. One of the bills the majority passed today was the bill to revamp the General Assistance-Unemployable program to call it the "disability lifeline." **It's a ridiculous waste of taxpayer money to pretend we're busy when in fact we are in a holding pattern until the House and Senate Democrats can agree amongst themselves whose taxes they're going to raise.**

The Senate was supposed to start today at 10, but basically the Democrats went straight to caucus. When they got out around noon, they passed their three bills and told the rest of us to go home. Since they spent so much time in caucus today with so little to show for it, maybe tomorrow we can actually start on time and pass whatever bills they need passed instead of stalling for time while budget negotiations continue.

We also worked Saturday, and again we have accomplished next to nothing. I could have been home mowing my lawn and playing with my German Shepherd puppy, as it was quite a beautiful day. Session started at 10, included a lunch break and adjourned at 3. **It was yet another wasted day for**

me and another regretful waste of money for you. I'll continue to keep you posted on how things progress.

Check this picture in each Kitchen Cabinet to watch the money pile up!



In closing...

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Mike". The letters are cursive and fluid, with a small dot above the 'i'.

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